Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive program guide having a display screen comprising:

a database for storing television schedule information including television program titles;

a display controller electrically coupled to the database for displaying some of the television schedule information including television program titles on the display screen;

an input device for selecting a ~~displayed~~ television program title displayed on the display screen;

a processor for identifying data available on a public network that is related to the selected television program title ~~from the Internet~~;

a communication device for receiving the identified data related to the selected television program title; and

a controller for displaying the received data related to the selected television program title on the display screen.

2. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 1 wherein the database resides on one or more remote file servers accessible through a communication link.

3. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 2 wherein the communication link [[is]] <u>comprises the</u> Internet.

4. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 1 wherein the ~~related~~ <u>identified</u> data [[is]] <u>comprises an</u> advertisement.

5. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 1 further comprising:

means for monitoring and storing ~~user's~~ <u>a plurality of user</u> selections of television programs;

means for learning a ~~user's~~ <u>user</u> preference ~~according to~~ <u>based on</u> the ~~user's~~ <u>plurality of user</u> selections of television programs; and

means for activating the program guide ~~responsive to~~ <u>based on</u> the ~~stored user preference~~ <u>user preference</u>.

6. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 5 wherein <u>the</u> means for learning ~~a user preference~~ <u>the user preference</u> comprises means for

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storing ~~a user preference~~ the user preference responsive

to a user input.

7. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 5 wherein the ~~user preference is~~ user

preference comprises a television program.

8. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 5 wherein the ~~user preference is~~ user

preference comprises a theme for a plurality of

television programs.

9. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 7 wherein the means for activating ~~means~~

comprises means for reminding [[the]] a user to view

[[the]] a preferred television program.

10. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 7 wherein the means for activating ~~means~~

comprises means for recording [[the]] a preferred

television program.

11. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 7 wherein the means for activating ~~means~~

comprises means for downloading a copy of [[the]] a

preferred television program to a digital storage medium.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~interactive~~ program guide of claim 8 wherein the <u>means for</u> activating ~~means~~ comprises<u>:</u>

means for searching the <u>television</u> schedule information;

means for ~~matching~~ <u>identifying</u> television programs ~~having~~ <u>matching</u> the ~~same~~ theme ~~as the stored theme~~ <u>for the plurality of television programs</u>; and

means for recording the ~~matched~~ television programs <u>matching the theme for the plurality of television programs</u>.

13. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 8 wherein the <u>means for</u> activating ~~means~~ comprises<u>:</u>

means for searching the <u>television</u> schedule information;

means for ~~matching~~ <u>identifying</u> television programs ~~having~~ <u>matching</u> the ~~same~~ theme ~~as the stored theme~~ <u>for the plurality of television programs</u>; and

means for downloading a copy of the ~~matched~~ television ~~program~~ <u>programs matching the theme for the plurality of television programs</u> to a digital storage medium.

14. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 5 wherein the <u>means for</u> activating ~~means~~ comprises [[of]] means for adapting the <u>television</u> schedule information displayed on the screen ~~according to~~ <u>based on</u> the ~~user-preference~~ <u>user preference</u>.

15. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim 1[[,]] further comprising:

means for displaying preview programming for a future-scheduled television program;

means for identifying a plurality of sources of information having data related to the future-scheduled television program;

means for selecting an identified source of information having data related to the future-scheduled television program; <u>and</u>

means responsive to the selected source of information <u>for establishing a link to the identified source of information</u>; and

means for displaying data from the linked source of information on the screen.

16. (Currently Amended) The <u>interactive</u> program guide of claim [[5]] <u>15</u> wherein the data related to the future-scheduled television program [[is]] <u>comprises</u> one

or more of an advertisement, a video preview, and textual

information.

17. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 1[[,]] further comprising means for

storing and displaying advertisement data.

18. (Currently Amended) The interactive program

guide of claim 1 wherein the ~~related~~ identified data

[[is]] comprises one or more of ~~selected~~ television

program actors, actresses, ~~theme~~ themes, other broadcast

times, other broadcast sources, and associated available

products.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for managing

and displaying information in an interactive television

system having a display screen comprising ~~the steps of~~:

storing television schedule information

including television program titles;

displaying some of the television schedule

information including television program titles on the

display screen;

selecting a ~~displayed~~ television program

~~titles~~ title displayed on the display screen;

identifying data available on a public

network that is related to the selected television

program title ~~from the Internet~~;

receiving the identified data related to the selected <u>television</u> program <u>title</u>; and

displaying the received data related to the selected <u>television</u> program <u>title</u> on the <u>display</u> screen.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the ~~storing step comprises storing~~ television schedule information <u>is stored</u> in a database residing on one or more remote file servers accessible through a communication link.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the communication link [[is]] <u>comprises the</u> Internet.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the <u>identified</u> data related to the selected <u>television</u> program [[is]] <u>comprises an</u> advertisement.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

monitoring and storing ~~user's~~ <u>a plurality of user</u> selections of television programs;

learning a ~~user's~~ <u>user</u> preference ~~according to~~ <u>based on</u> the ~~user's~~ <u>plurality of user</u> selections of television programs; and

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activating the program guide ~~responsive to~~ based on the ~~stored user preference~~ user preference.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein the learning ~~a user preference~~ the user preference comprises storing ~~a user preference~~ the user preference responsive to a user input.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein the ~~user preference is~~ user preference comprises a television program.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein the ~~user preference is~~ user preference comprises a theme for a plurality of television programs.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the activating ~~step~~ comprises reminding [[the]] a user to view [[the]] a preferred television program.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the activating ~~step~~ comprises recording [[the]] a preferred television program.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the activating ~~step~~ comprises downloading a copy of [[the]] a preferred television program to a digital storage medium.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the activating step comprises:

searching the <u>television</u> schedule information;

~~matching~~ <u>identifying</u> television programs ~~having~~ <u>matching</u> the ~~same~~ theme ~~as the stored theme~~ <u>for the plurality of television programs</u>; and

recording the ~~matched~~ television programs <u>matching the theme for the plurality of television programs</u>.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the activating ~~step~~ comprises:

searching the <u>television</u> schedule information;

~~matching~~ <u>identifying</u> television programs ~~having~~ <u>matching</u> the ~~same~~ theme ~~as the stored theme~~ <u>for the plurality of television programs</u>; and

downloading a copy of the ~~matched~~ television ~~program~~ <u>programs matching the theme for the plurality of television programs</u> to a digital storage medium.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein the activating ~~step~~ comprises adapting the <u>television</u> schedule information displayed on the screen

according to based on the user preference user

preference.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim

19[[,]] further comprising:

displaying preview programming for a

future-scheduled television program;

identifying a plurality of sources of

information having data related to the future-scheduled

television program;

selecting an identified source of

information having data related to the future-scheduled

television program; and

responsive to the selecting step,

establishing a link to the selected identified source of

information;

and displaying data from the linked source

of information on the screen.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33

wherein the data related to the future-scheduled

television program [[is]] comprises one or more of

selected television program actors, actresses, theme

themes, other broadcast times, other broadcast sources,

associated available products, and promotions.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the data related to the future-scheduled television program [[is]] comprises one or more of an advertisement, a video preview, and textual information.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19[[,]] further comprising storing and displaying advertisement data.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the ~~related~~ identified data [[is]] comprises one or more of ~~selected~~ television program actors, actresses, ~~theme~~ themes, other broadcast times, other broadcast sources, associated available products, and promotions.